

## Neighborhoods

### Project Activities

- Downtown
- North Bottoms
- Clinton
- Malone
- Hartley
- University Place
- Everett
- South Salt Creek
- Woods Park
- Near South
- East Campus
- Irvingdale

#### Purpose

We work to educate the public about the positive qualities of these neighborhoods, increase homeownership, build pride among residents, and promote revitalization.

#### Impact

- Recent US Census figures show that the number of rental properties in five of the original *Heart of Lincoln* neighborhoods (Clinton, Hartley, Downtown, Malone and North Bottoms) decreased from 1990-2000. The *Heart of Lincoln* program was established in 1997.

- Several neighborhood home sales have resulted from increased visitor interest in old houses, including the sale of a least one problem property that was then renovated and featured in the 2003 *Heart of Lincoln* Home Tour.

- Home Tour – Each year, the project sponsors a free home tour featuring 8-10 homes and historic sites in the *Heart of Lincoln*, attracting over 4,000 visitors.

#### Website – Prospective *Heart of Lincoln*

homebuyers can use the website [www.neighborhoodsinc.org](http://www.neighborhoodsinc.org) to get information about free homebuyer training, loan programs and houses for sale in the neighborhoods. The site also offers assistance for current *Heart of Lincoln* homeowners, including home improvement resources, and information on upcoming classes. Website pages average about 800 hits per month.

**Home Improvement Classes** – Each year, the program conducts a series of free “old house” home improvement classes held in the heart of the city. In the past four years, over 70 home improvement classes have been offered with a total of more than 800 participants.

**Realtor Education** – A 3-credit continuing education class for Realtors®, “*Preservation and Renewal in the Heart of Lincoln*,” highlights improvements to the area and explores the historic districts in the *Heart of Lincoln*. About 40 participants attend class each year, which are hosted by the Lincoln Board of Realtors.

- Welcome Packet – Materials welcoming recent homebuyers to the *Heart of Lincoln* are distributed through mailings and a network of neighborhood volunteers. An estimated 650 homebuyers will be reached in the coming year.

**“My Special Neighborhood”** – A new curriculum involves primary school children and their parents in fun and educational activities about their neighborhoods. The curriculum is used in the Lincoln Public Schools’ Community Learning Centers.

**Star Rental** – A new Star Rental program educates landlords about responsible property maintenance and recognizes *Heart of Lincoln* rental properties that meet established Quality Standards.

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## Neighborhoods, Inc. Programs

### Homeownership

- Money Management Training
- Homebuyer Education
- Loan Facilitation/Counseling

### Housing Construction & Repair

- Rehab with Purchase
- High School House
- Problem Properties
- Community Volunteer Projects

### Neighborhood Support

- Leadership Development
- Heart of Lincoln
- On-line Resources
- Free to Grow

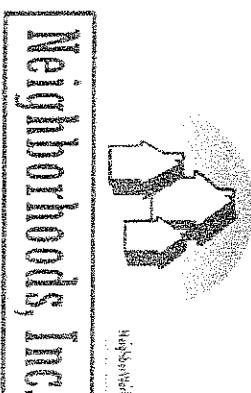
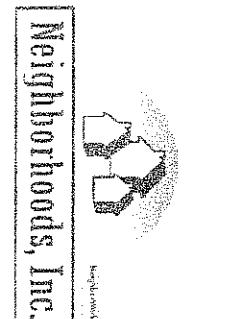
### Planning & Development

- Antelope Valley
- Collaborative Projects

## Promoting Lincoln's Central Historic Neighborhoods

*Neighborhoods, Inc. is a non-profit, community-based housing organization established in 1986. Lincoln's neighborhood residents, business leaders, and government representatives direct the organization's board and committees. A small professional staff conduct the daily business of the organization.*

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